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OUR NEWS for 3rd September 2017

Happy Fathers Day



*Congregational life @
Westmead & Parramatta,
Hospitality, Community and
Mental Health Services across
Greater Sydney and beyond*

Our Vision

*A Community Transforming Lives
Our Values, Grace, Inclusion, Dignity,
Faith and Hope*

HAPPY FATHERS' DAY! - Thoughts & prayers for all of our dear Dads, grandfathers and great-grandfathers on this very special occasion! Thank you for the love, wisdom, care and support that you share with us, plus all of your famous "Dad jokes" and "Dad dance moves"!! Loving thoughts also for everyone who will be missing a much cherished Dad or Grandad this year. Please join us after the morning service for a delicious morning tea provided by the Sunday School. Photos: These are just a handful of our many, special Dads & Grandads from Leigh and their kids or grandchildren (including some 'grown-up' ones!).



LEIGH
Congregation



NEXT SUNDAY IS 'GREEN SUNDAY'! - Our combined service with the Fijian congregation will be happening next **Sunday, 10 Sept @ 10.00am**, followed by a Brunch in the coffee shop. Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Sef Carroll. * Everyone is kindly requested to bring a plate of food to share *

PEACE SERVICE - This year's International Day of Peace Inter-faith Prayer Service will take place on **Thursday 21 September** in the Fellowship Hall @ 2.00pm. As a coming together of many faiths and cultures, this event is a great opportunity to share a spirit of generous inclusiveness with a wide variety of people from across the metropolitan area. Extra 'welcomers'/helpers are needed. Enquiries: Manas.

CONGRATULATIONS to Charlotte, Liz & Mario's daughter/ Col's granddaughter, on being published in the 'Young Writers Showcase', a book containing the work of the State's top 20 English Ext.2 students from the 2016 HSC year. Charlotte's collection of awarded poems is titled: 'Palette of Voices'.

TOILETRIES DRIVE: THANKS! - A big "thanks" to everyone who contributed to this year's drive - which was supplemented last Sunday by a surprise donation of multiple toiletries bags compiled and delivered by some enterprising students from Castle Hill High School. Great job all!!

FOND MEMORIES - Some members may recall Doreen and Sid Smith, who worshipped at Leigh Memorial in the late '90s. Doreen passed away recently, and was remembered at her funeral as a devoted Christian, wholly committed to Jesus as Friend and Saviour - and a person of amazing devotion. In times past, Doreen had taught with Faye Gray and Sid had kept us laughing with his 'wharfie' incidents!

All Welcome @ Leigh Memorial

'GREEN SUNDAY'

10 September, 2017

Combined Leigh Memorial & Leigh Fijian Multicultural Service 10.00am

On Sunday, 10 September @ 10.00am, there will be a very special combined, multicultural service at Leigh Memorial. Our 'Green' theme relates to celebrating God's gift of an amazing Earth, our responsibility to love and care for all creation, and highlights the issue of climate change - especially as it impacts our Oceanic neighbours, including Fiji. A 'brunch' will be served after the service. Please bring a plate of food to share. **Guest Preacher is Sef Carroll** (pictured). Enquiries: Leigh Memorial & Leigh Fijian Leaders' teams.



ABOUT SEF:

Rev. Dr. Seforosa (Sef) Carroll is a Minister of the Word in the Uniting Church of Australia and Manager – Church Partnerships, Pacific within the Church Connections Unit of UnitingWorld. She represents the UCA on the National Dialogue of Christians, Muslims and Jews, is part of the Women's Interfaith Network (WIN), and is a member of the Sociology of Religion thematic group of The Australian Sociological Association (TASA). Sef is also the Administrator of *Manahine Pasefika* (Association of Oceanian Women Theologians), whose primary objective is to "make Oceanian women's voices heard through print". Sef's PhD was titled: "Making room for the religious other; reading interfaith dialogue and encounters in Australia from a feminist diasporic perspective". Sef's theological research interests fall into two areas: cross cultural relationships/encounters/theologies - and interfaith dialogue. She has served as a congregational minister, a school chaplain and teaches interfaith dialogue and contextual theologies.

CHANGES TO ACCESSIBILITY WITHIN 175

You may have noticed a number of changes- to doors, to paths and to the entry into reception for 175. Whilst this assists in the mobility and accessibility around 175 it also means some surfaces are less even and there are a number of slopes which are different. The door handles to both the chapel and the Harry Rogers Room have also changed and are designed to close automatically. Please take care when dealing with the new changes. It is exciting to have the new lift installed and more of the site works being prepared as we move closer to finishing the works. Thanks especially for Lisa as she has negotiated this with architects and builders across a long period of time.

JOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEES (JNCs)

Please pray for 2 groups who are in the process of recruiting for 2 key positions. Firstly, the PM University Chaplain who will be based initially at Parramatta then will include the Westmead campus when it is redeveloped. Secondly, the Chaplain at the Children's Hospital at Westmead. Applications have closed for this role and we are hoping to move to interview soon. Both of these roles interact with us as a Congregation and the ministry we offer here at Westmead. Please pray for God's Spirit to help us discern the right people.

PRESBYTERY RETREAT

Rev Christine will be at the Parramatta Nepean Presbytery retreat Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

FELLOWSHIP BUS TRIP

As the Panorama at Glenbrook is still being repaired and a completion date is not known the bus trip to Glenbrook is postponed until 2018. We are hoping to have a smaller bus trip on Tuesday 10th October. More information to come.

PRAYER

Westmead has a Prayer Chain with people who have a commitment to pray. If you would like a prayer request then please fill the slip in and place it in the box on the foyer table or hand it to one of the elders. Rev Christine has managed to catch up with Jean and Sheila W over the last week. They are healing well.

THANKYOU

Thank you for your patience as different sections are blocked off for painting and other changes. The car parking will continue be disrupted until all of the work has been finished. Please pray for all who are involved in the works around 175.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS

with others Worship - Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study - Mondays 2.00 - 3.30pm

NB No Bible Study Monday 4th

Fellowship - Tuesday 5th September - Normal meeting

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Time Out Café (TOC) -Tues/Thurs 11.00-1.30pm

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00 - 3.30pm

Tai Chi - Fridays 10.00 - 11.00am

WESTMEAD Congregation

성령강림절 제14주(Pentecost Sunday) 2017년09월 03일 오후 1시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) 새 1 장 통 1 장 만복의 근원 하나님 다함께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns) 다함께

새 64 장 통 13 장 기뻐하며 경배하세

새 149 장 통 147 장 주 달려 죽은 십자가

기도 (Prayer) 주기도문송 새 635장 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지 다함께

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 로마서 8:18-30

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 생존권을 보장하라

봉헌 송(Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 442 장 통 499 장 저 장미꽃 위에 이슬

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 봄철 건강과 마음의 평강을 위해 함께 기도합니다
2. 매일 성경·말씀 묵상으로 주님과 친밀한 교제의 시간을 누리며 승리하시기 바랍니다
3. 기도제목: 전도와 선교에 앞장서는 하나님의 자녀로 살아갑시다.

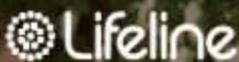
폐회찬송(Final Hymn) 새502장 통 259장 빛의 사자들이여 어서가서 (1)

축도 전현구 목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
예레미야 1:1-119

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
딤편전 6:11~예레미야2:28



OUT OF THE SHADOWS
and into the light

**Parramatta Park
Pavilion 23 @5:30am**

Take part in Lifeline's Out of the Shadows — national suicide prevention walks held to coincide with World Suicide Prevention Day.

Raise awareness, remember those lost to suicide, and unite in a commitment to prevent further deaths by suicide.

www.outoftheshadows.org.au



World Suicide Prevention Day

..... Helping Australians bounce back

Corner of Macquarie & O'Connell St



Leif Selby



Val Smith

SAT 14TH OCTOBER 2017 SPORTS BREAKFAST

Guest Speakers: 2 Lawn Bowling World Champions

Come and join us for breakfast and listen to world champion lawn bowlers Leif Selby and Val Smith tell how they became the world's best. Leif and Val will not only tell their story but there will also be a time for questions. \$10 will get you a hot breakfast as well as tea and coffee. Arrive at 7.45am to start at 8.00 am.



"sharing God's love with you"

Like us on



Leif Selby

4-time World
Champion

Val Smith

2008 World
Champion

Where & When:
Greystanes Uniting
Church
7.45 to start at 8am

Bookings Essential.
Only 60 seats
available!
Don't miss out.

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Romans 12:9-21

9 Let love be non-hypocritical; hate what is evil; cling to what is good; 10 love one another with warm affection; be eager to show respect to one another, 11 be diligent not lazy, boiling with the Spirit, serving the Lord, 12 rejoicing in hope, showing endurance in affliction, be steadfast and constant in prayer, 13 share in the needs of the saints, pursue hospitality. 14 Bless those who cures you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 live in harmony of mind with one another; do not be proud in your thinking but associate with humble people. 17 Repay no one evil for evil; have regard for what is honourable for all people; 18 if possible, for your part, seek peace with all people; 19 do not avenge yourselves, beloved, but give place to wrath; for it has been written: 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'" 20 But, if the enemy is hungry, feed them; if thirsty, give them a drink; for by doing this, coals of fire will be heaped on their head. 21 Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

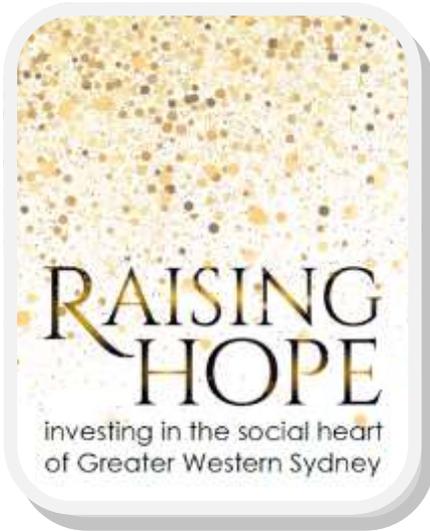
(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections

The writer to the church in Rome, the Apostle Paul, speaks in detail about God's grace and love that encounters us before we can respond. It begins with God's love and we respond. Some translation render verse 9 as "Let love be genuine", however, the Greek of the New Testament in which Paul wrote uses the word "non-hypocritical" meaning that love is consistent in what we think as well as what we say, and in what we say and what we do. There follows from this implications in how we live. What is perhaps not clear from these few words is that Paul earlier has said that to love others more deeply is best achieved through loving God more deeply.



Nigel Cousins, site coordinator, and Mira Nouawad – lead, from the ATO presented a cheque for \$1,500 raised from their soup-kitchen fundraiser, and donated to the work of Parramatta Mission



The Raising Hope Gala dinner is next Friday 8th September. We are looking to raise \$100,000 that will support our unfounded services across Parramatta Mission including Meals Plus, Wesley Apartments, Lifeline Western Sydney and our women's services. So far we are almost half way to reaching our target but we need your help to get there. For more information please visit the Parramatta Mission website.

Last Monday I was honoured to participate in Amanda Chadwick's final citizenship ceremony as the administrator of the City of Parramatta, at which 175 people became Australians. Over 3000 people became Australians during the tenure of her administration. The joy on the faces of people who have come from all parts of the world to be with us here in Australia was infectious. The official party, included Acting Inspector Jack Russell. Truly delightful.



Last week I unfortunately caused some confusion with my 1PM reference, for which I apologise. We are not changing the name. Parramatta Mission is our name. 1PM is an internal campaign over the past twelve months to better align everything to Parramatta Mission. PM is my shorthand for Parramatta Mission, just like we speak of Thelma Brown Cottage as TBC. A key part of this is in our language, for example, sometimes we speak of the congregations and the mission, when all of us is Parramatta Mission. Indeed, my wife reminds me that the staff are a congregation as well. We are attempting to remove internal silos, divisions and blockages to create 1PM. Parramatta Mission: proudly part of the Uniting Church in Australia.



Out of the shadows walk raises awareness of mental illness and suicide and brings these health matters into the light. I encourage you, if you are able, to attend the walk in Parramatta Park or on the Central Coast.

Date: Sunday 10th September Time: 5:30am (Parramatta Park, Pavilion 23, Cnr Macquarie and O'Connell Streets Parramatta), and 5:30 (Lion's Park, Mason's Parade, Gosford Waterfront).

The JNC for the Parramatta Mission WSU chaplain is pleased to announce we have a name to bring to the Parramatta Mission congregations for endorsement. An all Congregations meeting will be held on Sunday 10 September, in the Leigh Memorial Church at midday. The JNC, chaired by Rev Niall Reid, will recount the process to the decision by the JNC, present the name of the person, play a video clip prepared by the person, who is interstate, invite comments and questions, and if sought fit, hold a secret ballot. If people feel they need more time to consider, then the ballot could be postponed to a later date, though best if such another meeting was also an all congregations meeting.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

Foster your faith this week

Ex 12:1-14 Ps 149

Rom 13:8-14 Mt 18:15-20



The Moderator
Rev. Simon Hansford
invites you to join in
prayer for the
NSW/ACT Synod.

*"For when two or three come together in my name,
there I am with them." (Matt. 18:20 NIV)*

Synod Prayer Gathering

Saturday 30th September

8.00am-8.30am

The William McIlrath War Memorial Chapel
at Knox Grammar



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COUPLES & FRIENDS SEPT MEETING



The next Couples & Friends Club meeting will be on Monday 4th September at 7.30p.m. in the Fellowship Centre. Our guest speaker is Bruce Bennetts who will be sharing with us his recent amazing experiences as he climbed higher than Base Camp on Mount Everest.

All are welcome to join us as we learn of the fulfilment his life-long ambition to climb this mountain.

Of course, a delicious supper will complete our meeting.

'FUTURE DIRECTIONS' GROUP

(Attention: Representatives of all PM Congregations)

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 7 September, 7.30 - 9.00pm

@ the Choir Vestry, Leigh Memorial.

For further details - please see Clive, Ian or Keith.



RICK PRICE

BROUGHT TO LIFE A 'DEAD MAN WALKIN' TOUR

ON STAGE
2PM



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FIJIAN

- **10th September : Combine Service with Leigh** . Ena tekivu na Lotu ena **10.00 am** ka noda vulagi o Rev. Dr Seforosa Caroll, ka na mai vosa tiko ena veisau ni draki sa yaco tiko ena noda vuravura kei na kena ravuravu, vakauasivi vei keda ena Pasifika.
- Kerei me da na **yadua mai na veleti coi ni ti** me da mai veiwasei ni suka na Lotu
- **Friday 8th September, 7.00pm Connect & Shake** groups meet @ the Coffee Shop. *Invite your friends!*
- **Vuli Sere** : 10.30am na mataka ni Siga Tabu ena MealsPlus. Sa lokuci tale tikoga e so na Siga Vakaraubuka me da na vuli sere kina I Fairfield. Ena qai veitukuni taki yani
- **Masumasu** : Kerei me yadravi tiko na masumasu ena vei yasa ni koro. Ke da kua ni guce na masumasu taudua, vakavuvale, vakamatamasumasu. Me ra nanumi na wekada era tiko leqa.

DATE	VUNAU	VUNAU LESI	VUNAU VAKARAU	TU-VAKARAU	TALI VUNAU	COMMUNION
3-Sep	Rev Keith Hamilton	Siga Tabu ni Tama				
10-Sep	Green Sunday. Lotu Cokovata kei Leigh 10.00am Rev Dr Seforosa Caroll					
17-Sep	I.Foiakau		V.Kamotu	M3		
24-Sep	Fiji Parish	V.Kamotu	J.Foiakau	M1	M1	

Prayer Points

Our People are committed to praying for our Congregations, Staff and the People we walk with in their journey of recovery:

We pray for:

- ♥ *For the inSpiring the Common Good redevelopment on Macquarie St Parramatta.*
- ♥ *UC congregations of the Cumberland Zone: Dundas/Ermington, Northmead, North Rocks, Carlingford, West Epping, Centenary – calling a new minister, Wentworthville, Holroyd, Greystanes, Grantham Heights, Parramatta Mission, Auburn.*
- ♥ *For the worship, witness and service of Picton Uniting Church. Pray for this congregation on the Presbytery's southern reaches. Give thanks for Geraldine's ministry in this place and for the congregation as they support the community.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh: Joan, Hazel, Betty, Wilhemina, Col, Aunty Jo, Victoria and family, Johana (about to embark on a school mission trip to South Korea), our HSC student, Vili - plus our Leaders' team, Youth Group, Baptism families & Sunday School @ Leigh children and their families. Liz de Reland following surgery on her foot.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Fijian: Akisi Allison, Toa and Lee family, Seru family, Adriu Rogoimuri, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani, Fil Kamotu as he starts field placement; Congregation seeking ministerial placement.*
- ♥ *PM Westmead: Jean, Michels, Paula and Geoffrey, Garry, Chris and family, Rob, Jodie and Family, Rev Veitinia, Flora, May, Rajes (Sandra), Henry, Phyllis, Billie, Vita, Satik, Nancy, Caroline and David A, Mr and Mrs B and family, Col, Al, Jan and her family, Mrs G and family, Judy, Shanika and family, Lee and her family, Ashima and Anusha Saxena, Mr and Mrs T, Lyn and Beth, Lena, Sheila W, Ruth and Lela, Rev Christine and family, Max, Mr and Mrs S..*
- ♥ *PM Uniting Hospitality; Uniting Hope; Uniting Recovery; Uniting Housing; support services of Finance – IT and Payroll, People and Culture, Property, Housing and Maintenance, Fundraising and Marketing, Reception; For all who walk with people on difficult journeys of life. For new members of our congregations, staff, volunteers, new clients and consumers, residents and guests. For staff with family members in hospital.*
- ♥ *We join with churches around the world to pray for Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia*

Pastoral message for this week....

Get a life . . . !

***Leave behind the things that consume and rarely satisfy
Love your neighbour. Love yourself***

Worship Services at Parramatta Mission

Mon to Fri 9.00am - 2.00pm

Tuesday 1.10pm

Sunday 9.30am

9.45am

11.15am

1.30pm

7.00pm



Open Church @ Leigh Memorial

Holy Communion @ Leigh

Leigh Memorial Congregation @ Leigh

Westmead Congregation @ Westmead

Leigh Fijian Congregation @ Leigh

Korean Faith Community @ Leigh

Praise, Prayer, Cake & Coffee @ Leigh

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